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§5–610.

- (a) In accordance with its administrative authority over the Judicial Branch under the Maryland Constitution, the Court of Appeals shall adopt and administer rules that require each individual specified in § 5–601(b) of this subtitle to file a statement periodically that discloses, as a public record, the information concerning the individual's financial affairs that the court considers necessary or appropriate to promote continued trust and confidence in the integrity of the Judicial Branch.
- (b) (1) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, each candidate for nomination for or election to a judgeship shall file the statement specified in subsection (a) of this section no later than the time the candidate files a certificate of candidacy.
- (ii) This paragraph does not require the filing of a statement for any year covered in full by a statement filed by the individual under subsection (a) of this section.

## (2) The statement shall:

- (i) cover the calendar year immediately preceding the year in which the certificate of candidacy is filed; and
- (ii) be filed with the election board with which the certificate of candidacy is filed.
- (3) An election board may not accept a certificate of candidacy or certificate of nomination of a candidate covered by this subsection unless the candidate has filed each statement required by this section.
- (4) An election board, within 30 days after receiving a statement under this subsection, shall forward the statement to the entity designated by the Court of Appeals to receive the statements filed under subsection (a) of this section.
- (c) Within 30 days after receiving a statement under this section, the Court of Appeals or its designee shall transmit a copy of the statement to the Ethics Commission.

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